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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPORTED MALIK STATEMENT RE U.S. BASES IN THAILAND

REF: A. BANGKOK 10556 B. JAKARTA 2330

1. OFFICIAL GOI POSITION ON U.S. BASES IN THAILAND TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE REMAINS AS STATED BY SUHARTO TO WHITLAM LAST FEBRUARY - "THAT EVENTUAL REMOVAL OF U.S. BASES FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA IS DESIRABLE BUT THAT IN INTERIM PERIOD SUCH BASES ARE USEFUL AND THAT INDONESIA BELIEVED THAILAND MUST MAKE ITS OWN DECISION REGARDING THE BASES THERE" (PARA 3 REF B). SHOULD GOI POSITION ON BASES CHANGE, NEW POLICY WOULD BE MADE BY SUHARTO AFTER CONFERRING WITH SENIOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN ADVISORS, RATHER THAN BY MALIK ALONE. IT IS ALSO UNLIKELY THAT ANY SUCH NEW POLICY WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC THROUGH MEDIUM OF SINGAPORE NEW NATION ARTICLE.

2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE THAT A) MALIK ACTUALLY SAID SOMETHING MUCH CLOSER TO OFFICIAL POSITION AS  
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OUTLINED ABOVE, BUT WAS MISQUOTED IN WHOLE OR PART (HE IS

FREQUENTLY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND AND ALMOST ALWAYS REQUIRES  
INTERPRETATION WHEN SPEAKING IN ENGLISH), OR B) MALIK - AS  
IS SOMETIMES HIS WONT - TALKED CARELESSLY WITHOUT SUFFICIENT  
REGARD TO ESTABLISHED GOI POLICY. WE DO NOT IN ANY CASE  
BELIEVE HIS REMARKS WERE INTENDED TO PRESAGE A CHANGE IN  
GOI POLICY FROM THAT ENUNCIATED BY SUHARTO ABOVE.  
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